

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – February 28, 2018 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Cook, Kari Kostka, Jim Keller, Karen Danley (via phone), Mark Suderman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marc Grubert, Julia Kertz-Grant

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg, Candy Hahlbeck, Mike Edwards

OTHER: Commissioner Rick Visser

INTRODUCTION:

C. Cook called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

K. Kostka asked that the meeting minutes from January be updated to show Mike Edwards was present.

K. Danley asked that after Lois Murphy's name Western Riding Club be added, the spelling of her last name be corrected in the Hubbard Reservoir section, and that the sink holes she mentioned at Hubbard be added.

Motion: C. Cook moved to approve the amended minutes. J. Keller seconded. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

E-BIKES:

The parties discussed the proposed Ada County ordinance amendments distributed via email prior to the meeting. K. Kostka inquired as to the status of the draft letter regarding E-bikes. C. Cook responded that no revisions have yet been made because he wanted to wait until after this meeting to make changes. K. Kostka requested clarification on where the Advisory Board stood with E-Bikes. She suggested that moving forward adjusting the amended ordinance as proposed for the county but not blanket approving it for the Bike Park or other facilities to allow for working with other agencies. C. Cook requested clarification on the proposed ordinance and what properties it includes. S. Koberg responded that it includes the Greenbelt and trails within the Ridge to Rivers Trail System and that the amendment would allow for E-bikes to be used on the sections of Greenbelt owned by Ada County but not on any trails within the Ridge to Rivers Trail System owned exclusively by Ada County. C. Cook shared his thoughts on E-Bikes on the Greenbelt that they are more environmentally friendly than driving a car. S. Koberg added that this ordinance amendment has to do with user consistency on the pathway system. K. Kostka worries that the concessions for E-Bikes is just going to keep expanding to areas other than the Greenbelt such as the foothills trails and the Bike Park. M. Suderman added that even if everyone on the Advisory Board agreed that E-Bikes shouldn't be on the Greenbelt, there really isn't a way to enforce it on a realistic level. S. Koberg added that currently the Ada County ordinance states that no motorized vehicles are allowed on the Greenbelt. In the current code E-Bikes are not contemplated in code, so they are still considered a motorized vehicle unless it is clarified. K. Danley inquired as to what other states are doing. C. Cook mentioned that the overall trend is for E-Bikes to be used on paths like the Greenbelt. K. Danley inquired as to what states are trending this way or have adopted similar policies. California, Colorado and Washington were mentioned by Advisory Board members. K. Kostka added that she didn't think it was a state wide designation, more on the local level.

K. Kostka moved to approve the Parks and Waterways Department going forward with this ordinance change as presented.

M. Suderman seconded. Motion passed.

J. Keller added that he was surprised that there hasn't been a body of Greenbelt partners formed that would address this issue as a group first rather than an individual entity pushing an issue or policy without conferring with the rest of the partners. S. Koberg responded that there have been discussions in the past about this and that there currently is a group that exists but doesn't have management authority called Foundation for Ada Canyon Trail Systems (FACTS).

K. Kostka inquired if C. Cook planned to update and move forward with the letter. C. Cook responded that based on what has happened in the meeting he doesn't think the letter is applicable at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD BY-LAWS REVIEW:

S. Koberg presented a PowerPoint review of the Board By-Laws. The By-Laws are found in the handbook, on the Parks & Waterways website and on the Sterling Codifiers website for Ada County Code. He noted that the By-Laws state "All votes will be by roll call voice vote" and recommended that this occurs from here forward. He also noted that the By-Laws allows for the establishment of subcommittees appointed by the Chairperson and that the By-Laws state, "The Board shall operate under the precepts of Robert's Rules of Order." K. Kostka added that there is currently a proposed bill in the legislature that addresses the open meeting law and public records law. It articulates how agendas need to be laid out including how main motions would need to be called out separately on the agenda.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER REVIEW:

S. Koberg presented a PowerPoint review of Robert's Rules of Order. It is the most widely used manual of Parliamentary Procedure in the United States. It allows for constructive democratic meetings to occur. It also allows for everyone in the group to be heard. M. Suderman noted that when he joined the Advisory Board, all members would address the Chairman in order to speak. This is not the case anymore. A short video regarding the proper way to make a motion was shown.

PROPERTY REFRESHER SERIES PART 1; HUBBARD RESERVIOR:

S. Koberg presented a PowerPoint overview of Hubbard Reservoir Recreation Area near Kuna and provided background and history regarding the site. He clarified that Ada County does not own the property but negotiated a lease agreement with the Idaho Department of Lands in 2003 that is valid through 2027. Currently there is a trailhead, parking area, informational kiosk and various signage/trail markers. Ada County installed a vault toilet in 2014 and there is a network of non-motorized, multi-use, primitive, moderately developed trails. A focal point for visitors includes 30 acres of permanent water in the Hubbard Reservoir "lake."

The future of Hubbard includes reinvigorating the dialogue with Idaho Department of Lands and communicating regularly and consistently with the intent to negotiate a new lease agreement to extend beyond 2027 and also to develop a strategy to update the existing site inventory and create, fund and implement an updated trail plan and maintenance schedule. Options to consider for the Advisory Board include establishing subcommittees, engaging user groups, scheduling and participating in site visits and communicate with the Open Space and Trails Coordinator. K. Danley inquired what happens after the lease is up as far as the time and money that had been invested and likelihood of the land being re-leased to Ada County. C. Cook added that because this property could potentially be flooded, realistically, not much would be built there. K. Kostka added that there is a flood easement that covers the entire property. The main priority for the state is to have it leased and make income off the land. In addition, it's not on any kind of priority list to repurpose this property. She anticipates it would be a renewed lease.

C. Cook inquired if there is a time limit that can be set for speakers in Roberts Rules of Order. S. Koberg responded that there isn't specific guidance on this but it is something that can be voted on by the Advisory Board with a main motion. M. Edwards suggested adding a time line to the agenda to help keep on track.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.